

# WILL SIGN UNCONDITIONALLY

## Germans Officially Send Note Agreeing To Sign The Treaty

### Ask For More Time, But Are Flatly Re- fused By The Allies

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE BANNER)  
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PARIS, June 23—The German government at Weimar has formally communicated its willingness to sign the peace treaty, unconditionally, it was announced by the French foreign office this afternoon.

#### WORD OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

WEIMAR, June 23—It was officially announced today that Germany will sign the peace treaty.

#### TREATY WILL BE SIGNED

BERLIN, June 23—The German national assembly by a vote of 139 to 127 has decided to sign the peace treaty. The assembly gave a vote of confidence to the Bauer government, 236 to 89.

#### GERMAN NOTE RECEIVED TODAY

PARIS, June 23—The German answer regarding the peace treaty was received by the peace conference this afternoon. Its contents had not been revealed up until 3:45 o'clock.

#### GERMANY REFUSED MORE TIME

PARIS, June 23—Germany today requested an additional 48 hours within which to sign the peace treaty. The council of three flatly refused the request.

The request for additional time pleaded that the change in government and general disturbances made it difficult for them to complete arrangements. The communication from the Germans was received at 3 o'clock this morning and at 9 o'clock President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau together with Premier Lloyd George met at the latter's house for consideration of the note.

The character of the communication was not disclosed, however, until some time later in the morning when it was announced that the German request for more time had been rejected.

There appeared today some indication that in case Germany decided to accept the peace terms, unconditionally, the action would be accompanied by the passage of the National Assembly in Weimar of a resolution or declaration that the signing was done under compulsion and that the German people did not feel morally responsible for the war and were willing to submit the question of responsibility to a tribunal consisting of two members representing the allies, two neutrals and one German.

The German note to which the council of four replied by definitely rejecting any suggestion or allegations in the treaty declared that the Germans regarded the terms of peace as impracticable and that their signature is given against their will.

Asserting that the terms cannot be carried out and that the German government can not be held responsible for what may occur the note concluded by saying that Germany will sign with reservations relative to turning over of those alleged to be guilty of crimes and also the admission of Germany's guilt in causing the war. In replying the council of four said, "The allied and associated powers have considered the note of the German delegates today and in view of the short time remaining, feel that it is their duty to reply at once."

"The allied and associated governments have given the fullest consideration to all representations made by the German government with regard to the treaty and have replied

with complete frankness. They have made concessions as they thought were just, but the present German note from the German delegation does not advance any new arguments or considerations.

"The council has decided that the time for discussion has passed and that German representatives must come to a decision whether they will sign and accept the treaty as a whole or reject it."

#### BRITISH WARSHIP SINKS RED CRUISER

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
HELSINGFORS, June 23—A British warship has torpedoed the bolshevik armored cruiser Slavia, which sank immediately.

The only Russian warship bearing the name of Slavia to be found in available lists was sunk in 1917. It seems probable that some other craft was given that name.

### PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY LEAVE FOR HOME SOON

Activities Today Would Indicate That He Will Sail On Wednesday

#### George Washington Will Take Direct Route From Brest To U. S.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
PARIS, June 23—The action noted today at the Paris White House of President Wilson appeared to indicate that preparations are being made for the president's departure home.

Up until 2 o'clock this afternoon there had been no announcement made from the White House but it is known that the president will probably leave Paris Wednesday, barring the unexpected.

One company of troops which has been the guard of honor at the White House, will leave for Brest tonight and another will leave tomorrow, apparently in the expectation that the president will leave Wednesday.

The United States ship, George Washington, the president's ship, will take the direct route from Brest to the United States under forced draft.

Extra coal is being placed on the dock spaces at Brest.

### LOSS OF HUN SHIPS AROUSING BRITISH

#### One Paper Says First Case of Police Work of League of Nations Failure.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
LONDON, June 24—Arthur Pollen, the naval expert, in an interview in The Dispatch regarding the sinking of the German warships in Scapa Flow, admires the spirit of the Germans in sinking their own ships rather than to allow them to pass into the possession of their enemies.

The article in The Dispatch recalls that a writer in an evening paper recently practically prophesied the destruction of the German ships. This writer emphasized the ease of secret demolition charges in a modern warship, adding: "many people in the navy believe that the ships left Germany with dynamite charges already in position and that when the decision of the peace conference was announced the Scapa Flow would be the scene of a big pyrotechnic display."

Commander Kenworthy, M. P., told The Dispatch that it was the easiest thing in the world to sink a ship by opening the Kingston valve or removing the covers of the condensers.

#### WIRE STRIKE GIVEN ENDORSEMENT TODAY

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
ATLANTIC CITY, June 23—Endorsement of the commercial telegraphers strike was unanimously voted today by the American Federation of Labor in convention here. The convention also went on record of being in favor of a 44 hour week for labor generally and directed the executive council toward that end.

#### DECORATED FOR SAVING 57 YANKEES



Major General Lewis decorating Frederick Bernard, quartermaster in the French navy, for having saved 57 Yank soldiers who were on board a vessel struck by a torpedo. The American Distinguished Service medal was pinned on the breast of the sailor in the presence of an assemblage of American and French officers and men in Paris.

### KNOX SAYS HE WILL OBTAIN A VOTE ON HIS RESOLUTION

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
WASHINGTON, June 23—Senator Knox, Republican of Pennsylvania, announced today that after the appropriation bills had been passed he would attempt to obtain a vote on his resolution, expressing unwillingness to accept the league of nations' covenant as an inseparable part of the peace treaty.

#### STATE CONVENTION OPENS IN CLEVELAND

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
CLEVELAND, June 23—More than 6000 delegates from different parts of the state are expected to be on hand for the opening Tuesday of the annual convention of the Ohio State Christian Endeavor societies.

### WAR EXPENDITURES OVER 14 BILLIONS

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
WASHINGTON, June 23—War department expenditures from the beginning of the war until June 1, 1919, were \$14,544,610,000, it was declared today by Secretary Baker. Of the total, \$1,839,780,989 was spent by the American Expeditionary Forces for supplies overseas.

### CAN'T SEARCH HOME FOR INTOXICANTS

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
WASHINGTON, June 23—The provisions of the prohibition enforcement bill, permitting the searching of private homes for liquor when a warrant was sworn to by at least two credible persons, was stricken out today by the house judiciary committee.

### JAPAN MAKES BIG STRIDES IN TRADE

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
SYDNEY, June 23—Japan has made great strides in developing her trade with Java since the beginning of the war and is now extending her commercial advantages there, says R. Dryver, of Sourabaya, Java, an expert upon far Eastern affairs.

### 70 KILLED; MANY HURT IN TORNADO

Town of Fergus Falls, Minn., Nearly Destroyed Late Yesterday Afternoon

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
FERGUS FALLS, Minn., June 23—Between sixty and seventy persons were killed and more than one hundred persons were badly injured by a tornado which struck Fergus Falls late yesterday and tore a large section of the business district of the city to pieces.

Thirty-eight bodies have been recovered. State troops began searching the ruins shortly after daylight. It is believed that more than a dozen bodies are buried in the debris of the Grand Hotel. It is known that there were at least fifty people in this hotel when the tornado came. Thirty bodies have already been removed from the hotel.

Much of the residence south of the Red River is a waste. About five hundred stores and residences were demolished and a score or more persons are missing in that district. The property loss there alone is estimated at several million dollars.

Virtually the entire northwestern section of the city is in ruins. Public buildings and churches were totally destroyed and the hospitals are crowded with victims. The city officials, however, said that they felt that Fergus Falls would be able to take care of the injured and provide temporary relief for its sufferers.

Citizens said they believed that three storms struck the city in quick succession.

Several persons said that they saw three funnel shaped clouds coming towards the city.

The first of these was seen in the northwest and it is thought that it was this one that smashed the Grand Hotel. The second cloud brought a driving rain and approached from the southwest. The third swept over the eastern section from the southeast with terrific force and causing much damage.

### POLK IS GIVEN A NEW POSITION

#### Becomes Under Secretary of State, A New Office Just Created.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
WASHINGTON, June 23—Frank L. Polk, of New York, of the State department and now acting secretary of state, was nominated today by President Wilson to be the under secretary of state, a new office created under the 1920 legislature's executive and judicial appropriation bill passed by the last Congress.

### HEAVY DAMAGES GROW OUT OF REVOLUTION

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
MEXICO CITY, June 23—It is learned that claims for many millions of pesos in damages arising from the Mexican revolution have been filed with the diplomatic representatives here of various nations whose nationals demand reparation. These claims are in addition to many others presented to the Mexican government direct which are being considered by a commission. Thus far the commission has paid no claims.

### DATE AND HOUR OF SIGNING IS NOW UNCERTAIN

Signing May Take Several Days Or It May Take Place Tuesday

#### Note of Acceptance Says Con- ditions Are A Peace of Violence

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
PARIS, June 23—The day and hour for the formal signing of the treaty is uncertain. The signing may take several days or may take place Tuesday or Wednesday.

The Italian delegation at present in Paris, has been authorized to sign the treaty on behalf of Italy. This announcement removed one question which it was feared might delay the signing.

The German note of acceptance, it is said, is clothed in such language that it maintains that the peace conditions are a peace of violence.

### LEAGUE OPPONENTS WILL MOVE SLOW

#### Senate Leaders Abandon Plan To Try At Once Test Vote

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
WASHINGTON, June 23—Senate leaders opposing the league of nations abandoned their plan to try for a test vote in the immediate future on the Knox resolution, and turned their attention to crystallizing sentiment behind Elihu Root's proposal that the league covenant be ratified with reservations.

The decision was taken as a forecast that the league fight would remain in a quiescent state during the coming week and probably until the treaty is submitted for ratification about two-weeks hence. There may be some debate on the subject and possibly an attempt to get action on a substitute for the Knox measure, but in the main the opposition efforts seem certain from now on to center on the final ratification fight itself.

Republican leader Lodge, in a statement last night announcing that the Knox resolution would not be called up today, said the decision had been prompted by a desire to give undivided senate attention to pressing appropriation bills. Other league opponents are known to feel also that action now would be inappropriate since the resolution introduced two weeks ago by Senator Knox, Republican, of Pennsylvania, was designed principally to request a provision in the peace treaty by which the senate could ratify the document and still reserve judgment on the league.

### 'EXTRAS' ARE PRINTED IN COBLENZ DISTRICT

#### American Soldiers Read News That Germany Will Sign The Treaty.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)  
COBLENZ, June 23—American soldiers concentrated in the Coblenz bridgehead read the news regarding the national assembly's vote for peace through extra editions of German newspapers today.

The facts regarding the vote was printed on one sheet "extras" and scattered broadcast throughout Germany. The Germans in the Coblenz section were apparently excited over it and new and strong police regulations were put in force by the American military police.